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SUBJECT: BOLIVIA'S UNCTAD DELGATION/SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON

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1. MINFON AFFIARS ADVISES THAT GOB HAS DECIDED TO SEND MINISTER OF PLANNING AND COORDINATION GENERAL JUAN LECHIN SUAREZ AS HEAD OF DELEGATION TO UNCTAD. GENERAL LECHIN HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO ATTEND SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON.

2. REASON FOR LECHIN'S PARTICIPATION AT UNCTAD IS SO THAT HE CAN ADDRESS THE MEETING WITH REGARD TO BOLIVIA'S POSITION ON COMMODITY MATTERS, ESPECIALLY THE INTERNATIONAL TIN AGREEMENT. LA PAZ PRESS TODAY (APRIL 23) REPORTS THAT BOLIVIA'S PLANNING MECHANISM, CONEPLAN, HAS RECOMMENDED THAT BOLIVIA NOT SIGN FIFTH INTERNATIONAL TIN AGREEMENT. BOLIVIAN CABINET IS MEETING TO CONSIDER THIS AT THIS WRITING, BUT FONMIN SOURCE SAY IT 95 PERCENT CERTAIN THAT CABINET WILL DECIDE TO ACCEPT CONEPLAN RECOMMENDATION. LECHIN WOULD EXPLAIN BOLIVIAN POSITION AT UNCTAD.

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3. OTHER MEMBERS OF BOLIVIAN DELEGATION ARE: (A) TOMAS

GUILLERMO ELIO, BOLIVIA'S AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA; (B) ROLANDO PEREYRA MENDEZ, SUBSECRETARY, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE; (C) ALSONSO CRESPO, A PRIVATE SECTOR JOURNALIST AND BROTHER TO BOLIVIA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.; (D) CARLOS ITURRALDE, A PROMINENT BOLIVIAN PRIVATE MINER; AND (E) WILMA BANZER, SECOND SECRETARY IN BOLIVIA'S EMBASSY IN GENEVA AND NIECE OF PRESIDENT BANZER.

4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT GOB OFFICIAL POSITION ON TIN AGREEMENT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.
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